—स्रोत में कमी, लार्वानाशकों के इस्तेमाल और जैव-पर्यावर्णिक दृष्टिकोण अपनाकर मच्छर पलने की क्रियाओं को समाप्त करने के लिए लार्वा-रोधी उपाय;

—मलेरिया की रोकथाम करने के लिए लोगों में जागरूकता उत्पन्न करने के लिए स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा संबंधी कार्यकलापों को तेज करना;

—मार्गदर्शी आधार पर बहु-प्रतिरोध शक्ति क्षेत्रों में नये कीटनाशकों के साथ प्रयोग करना।

(घ) मलेरिया और डेंग्यू की रोकथाम और कारगर नियंत्रण के लिए राज्य सरकार को कार्य योजना और कार्यकलापों का कैलेन्डर बनाने के लिए दिशानिर्देश प्रदान कर दिए गए हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, राज्य को 336.00 लाख रुपये के मूल्य के पर्याप्त मात्रा में कीटनाशक, सूक्ष्मदर्शियों, वाहनों और औषधों की आपूर्ति की जा रही है।

Shortage of Drugs Hindering T.B Control Programme

2526. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The approximate number of Tuberculosis patients in the country;

(b) whether the T.B. control plan is not being implemented affectively;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a severe shortages of drug for the treatment of T.B.;

(e) whether the drug shortage is hindering T.B. control plan; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to remove the shortage of drugs for the treatment of T.B.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) It is a estimated that 14 million people are suffering from active Tuberculosis in the country.

(b) and (c) The disease load in the community has remained static over the last few years. the nation-wide review done in 1992 revealed that factors like low treatment completion rate, undue emphasis on x-ray diagnosis, poor quality of sputum microscopy, emphasis on case detection rather than cure multiplicity of treatment regimens, poor organisational set up and inadequate budgetary support are largely responsible for ineffective implementation of the National TB Control Progamme.

(d) to (f) There is no severe shortage of anti-TB drugs in the country, However, Government is taking steps to improve procurement, supply and distribution to ensure that every patient gets the full course of treatment. Under the new World Bank funded T.B. Control Project (1997-2002), adequate provision for procurement of Drugs is being made.

Contract Between Doordarshan and Panam Sat 4 for Use of Transponder

2527. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BORADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has entered into a 10 year contract with Panam Sat 4 at huge cost for use of its transponder as reported in 'Indian Express' of 22nd June, 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no takers for that international channel of Doordarshan;

(c) if so, what is the cost incurred on that channel in 1996 and the revenue earned therefrom; and

(d) whether Government propose to disband loss making channels, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Doordarshan has entered into a 15 year agreement with Panam-Sat for taking on lease one C Band transponder and one KU Band transponder on PAS-4 and a digital channel on PAS-1. The lease charges are US $ 3 million per annum for the first three

years and thereafter @ US $ 4.875 million per annum.

(b) No, Sir. The cable operators, as ATN-Canada, Asisnet-U.K. & USA, Apna TV-U.K., Europe & USA have taken no objection certificate from DG: Doordarshan to downlink Doordarshan International signals in footprint coverages of countries of PAS-4 and PAS-1. Similar requests from agencies in London, Middle East and USA are also under consideration.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 6.48 crore has been incurred on the lease of transponders for Doordarshan International during 1996 and the gross revenue generated was Rs. 85.33 lakh during the year 1996.

(d) No, Sir. Because Doordarshan is a public broadcaster.

Committee set-up to review PRB Act, 1867

2528. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was set up to review the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867;

(b) if so, when it submitted its report and what are its recommendations;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to implement its report; and

(d) by when will the report be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Special Review Group submitted its report to the Government in December, 1994. It has made a total of 35 recommendations for facilitating registration of newspapers and simplifying the procedures prescribed under the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (PRB Act). These pertain to definition of 'newspaper', title verification, filing of declaration for registration of newspapers, de-blocking of titles, registration of newspapers/periodicals, Annual Statement to be submitted by newspapers, submission of Annual Report by RNI to the Government, circulation verification and simplification of various forms.

(c) and (d) Based on the recommendations of the Group, Government propose to amend the PRB Act, 1867 by introducing a Bill after completion of various formalities such as consultation with the concerned Ministries, approval of the Cabinet etc. At this stage, it is not possible to indicate any timeframe in this regard.

दूरदर्शन में अस्थायी कर्मचारियों के पारिश्रमिक में वृद्धि

2529. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दूरदर्शन महानिदेशालय ने दूरदर्शन के विभिन्न केन्द्रों/कार्यालयों में 10 दिन के नियत कार्य के आधार पर कार्यरत अस्थायी कर्मचारियों के पारिश्रमिक में हाल ही में वृद्धि की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इसके परिणामस्वरूप दूरदर्शन समाचार विंग में 10 दिन के नियत कार्य के आधार पर कार्यरत अस्थायी आशुलिपिक सहायकों का पारिश्रमिक अस्थायी टंककों के पारिश्रमिक से कम हो गया है;

(घ) क्या सरकार को समाचार विंग से अस्थायी आशुलिपिकों के पारिश्रमिक को बढ़ाने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कोई अन्तरिम निर्णय कब तक लिया जायेगा?